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both in the case of supernaturalism and in the matter of the atonement we feel that Dr. Cone has unduly emphasized elements which were the formal rather than the essential parts of Paul's thought. There can be no question, however, as to the value of the book as a whole. It is marked by exhaustive study, and oftentimes is exceedingly helpful. Altogether, one must say it is one which demands careful consideration as an able and critical, though too often unsympathetic, presentation of Paulinism. S. M.

The Book of Daniel from the Christian Standpoint, with Essay on Alleged Historical Difficulties, by the Editor of the *Babylonian and Oriental Record*. By JOHN KENNEDY, M.A., D.D.; being Vol. VII of "The Bible Student's Library." New York: E. & J. B. Young & Co. Pp. xii + 219; with illustrations. \$2.50.

The title of this book is puzzling. It might mean a judgment of the teachings of the book of Daniel from the point of view of Christian principles, or the use of the book of Daniel as illustrative of Christian teachings. As the Christian standpoint would admit either of these suppositions, we must turn to the contents of the book to determine which is meant. To our surprise the author takes an entirely different turn. He gives us a critical discussion of the book. How a Christian standpoint can affect one's critical judgment of evidence, except possibly to make one more conscientious and earnest in seeking for the truth, is not evident, but the author believes that it settles the matter for the traditional view of the authorship, composition, and date of the book of Daniel. For those who believe in a Christian geology and a Christian mathematics, and desire also a Christian science of biblical criticism, this book will be hailed with satisfaction. G. S. G.

The Life and Letters of Paul the Apostle. By LYMAN ABBOTT. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1898. Pp. xii + 332. \$1.50.

This volume of Dr. Abbott's is one of a "series of wholly independent volumes which attempts to apply the principles of evolution to the elucidation of spiritual truth." All readers of the author's writings need not be told that it is written in a delightful style, and that it is marked by a great breadth of thought, and with singular

ability to distinguish between the essential and the non-essential. Like so many other books which are now appearing, it is less concerned with the biographical aspect of the life of Paul than with his teachings. A separate chapter is given to each one of the epistles which modern criticism has finally agreed with tolerable unanimity to accept as genuine. In the presentation of the teaching of Paul, Dr. Abbott is more concerned with a modern exposition than with technical details. Its spirit is reverent, though critical, and its insistence upon the development in Paul's thought is far more rational than that of Matheson. It is distinctly encouraging to find that the present interest in Paul is discovering his true value, not in his formal thought, but in his religious teachings. As Dr. Abbott says: "Paul was not only in advance of his own time; he is still in advance of all times," for Judaism is not a thing of the past, but abides in all sorts of religious worship. Dr. Abbott has plunged to its very heart when he describes Paulinism as a message of infinite and eternal love, that the way to God's heart is always open, that He gives life without price. It is a book to be read by every thoughtful and perplexed Christian. S. M.

New Testament Studies. The Principal Events in the Life of Our Lord. By RIGHT REV. MGR. THOMAS J. CONATY, D.D., Rector of the Catholic University, Washington. New York, Cincinnati, Chicago: Benziger Bros., 1898. Pp. 252. \$0.60.

This manual is intended as a means of teaching children the most important facts in the life of Christ. It is essentially a book for class study. The lesson is divided into three parts: first, a text which is to be learned and recited, then a reflection drawn from the text for the sake of moral teaching, and then three or four questions to suggest other lessons which may be drawn. The book is illustrated with a large number of cuts. A small dictionary of the Bible is attached to it, together with a map of Palestine, and a somewhat remarkable bird's-eye view of the land. On the whole, we must say that the book is a successful compromise between inductive study and catechetical instruction. The answers to the questions are often admirable in their compactness, as for example: "What was the keynote of Christ's first discourse? Love for the poor, to whom he was sent as an anointed one to evangelize them; love for those in sorrow, that he might heal their wounds; love to the blind, that they might by him be made to see." S. M.